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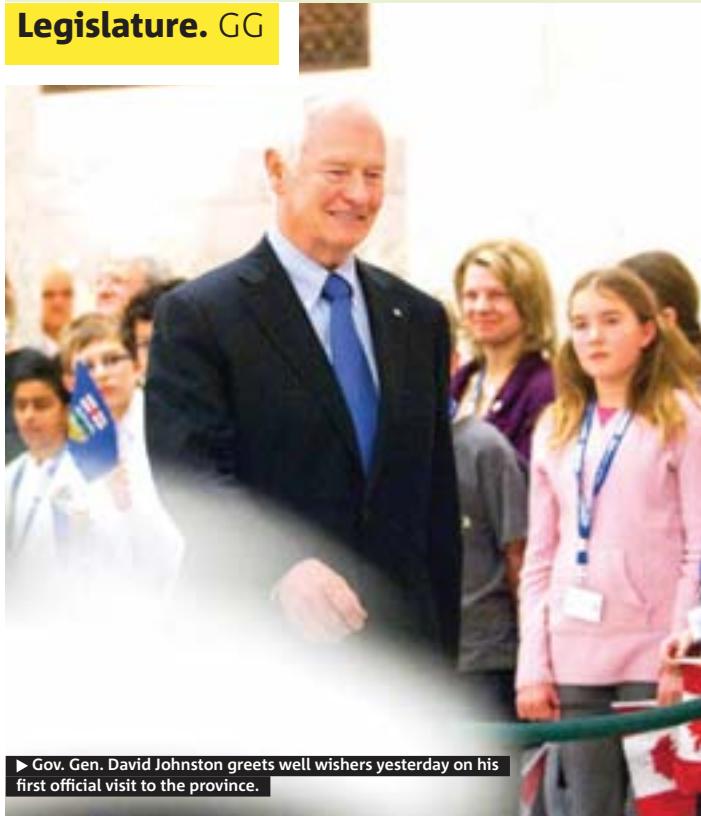
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► Gov. Gen. David Johnston greets well-wishers yesterday on his first official visit to the province.

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PM: 'This is the right decision'

► Harper adamant that Ottawa's decision to not fund Expo 2017 is right choice ► Mayor Mandel 'past angry' over what he alluded to as a federal flip-flop

Prime Minister Stephen Harper says he believes the majority of people in Edmonton support his government's decision not to help fund Expo 2017.

Harper says he's seen surveys in the local media that suggest his government's decision has won some favour in the city.

"I am and I think our caucus is very clear that not proceeding is the right decision and, by the way, not just for the taxpayers of Canada."

"This is the right decision for the taxpayers of Alberta and most importantly for the taxpayers of Edmonton," Harper told reporters here yesterday, where he was holding a closed-door economic roundtable.

"I also want to thank the people of Edmonton who, I think, from everything I am seeing in terms of public opinion surveying, are pretty clearly supporting that decision."

The prime minister reiterated his government's position that the cost of hosting the world's fair, including security, would be too expensive.

The estimated cost of the Expo was

Mandel's reaction

Mayor Stephen Mandel was furious when he learned last week of the Conservative government's refusal to back the plan.

- Mandel pointed out at the time that the city was encouraged to make the bid by Ottawa. Yesterday, Mandel said he wasn't about to argue with the prime minister. "We did polling and that polling indicated that Albertans and Edmontonians supported the Expo," he said.
- When asked if he was still upset at the government's decision, Mandel said he was "past angry."

pegged at \$2.3 billion for the three-month event that promised to draw millions of visitors to the area from around the world.

The bid was tied to Canada's 150th birthday. The country had hosted previous expos in Vancouver in 1986 and Montreal in 1967.

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Johnston greeted at legislature

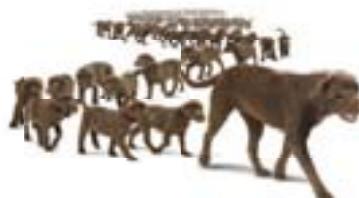
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Residents uprooted after asbestos found

Discovery made after \$2.6-million fire last week More than 300 people leaving 157-unit highrise

Hundreds of downtown residents are seeking temporary shelter after a high-rise fire led to the discovery of asbestos.

The discovery was made in the drywall during inspections following the Nov. 23 fire, which destroyed two suites at the Valhalla Apartments. All residents of the building, located at 113 Street and 99 Avenue, have been told they will need to find other accommodations until it can be removed.

Jeannie Lloyd lives on the 14th floor with her daughter. She found out on Friday during a meeting held at a nearby church that she would have to move somewhere else.

"My daughter and I are looking for a short-term furnished place because we're going to leave our furniture here," said Lloyd. "I do want to come back."

Cause of blaze

The fire was caused by a fibreboard sound barrier, which ignited while a worker was soldering a pipe on the top floor of the 16-storey highrise. The fire immediately displaced approximately 20 residents; the rest were allowed back in the building prior to the asbestos discovery.

Building management wouldn't comment, only saying the building is closed and inspections are still ongoing.

Residents came in yesterday to gather their belongings.

Lloyd said she was told it could be three to four months before she is able to move back in: "It's pretty depressing."

HEATHER MCINTYRE



► Jeannie Lloyd has been renting an apartment at the Valhalla Apartments for 2½ years. Yesterday, she removed some of her belongings before heading to work.

26 low-income units open

A total of 26 new units have opened in the inner city, providing options to families, couples and individuals in need of low-income housing.

The modestly sized units were a need set out by the city's 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness, launched in early 2009.

"It was a good opportunity for the society to step up to the plate and identify the need," said Cameron McDonald, executive director for the Ed-

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Homeward Trust
Edmonton contributed
more than \$4.5 million
to the two projects.

monton Inner City Housing Society.

Both Harry Holt Place, at 199 Avenue and 81 Street, and Eastwood North, at 123 Avenue and 82 Street, are expected to be full by Christmas.

HEATHER MCINTYRE



► Edmonton Inner City Housing Society's Cameron McDonald, centre, with Homeward Trust Edmonton's Susan McGee and Martin Garber-Conrad.

Edmonton hospital where he is in critical, but stable condition.
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News in brief

Man critical after drive-by

SHOOTING. A 28-year-old man is in hospital after being struck by several bullets from a high-powered rifle in a drive-by shooting on a central Alberta reserve. The man was hit while standing in the living room of a house on the Samson reserve on Friday night. He was airlifted to an

Air collision investigated

CRASH. Transport Canada and the Wetaskiwin RCMP are investigating after a single-engine aircraft hit an unknown object or communication tower at the Wetaskiwin Regional Airport and crashed on its landing approach Sunday evening. METRO

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Italian PM denies wild side

► Leaked cables claim Berlusconi puts the party in politics

Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi insisted yesterday he only throws elegant, dignified soirees at his villas and not wild parties as reportedly described by a Rome-based U.S. diplomat in a cable contained in the WikiLeaks trove.

Berlusconi said he didn't care to read what such diplomats had to report, saying "I don't look at what third-rate or fourth-rate officials say."

"I unfortunately have never in my life been to a wild party. Maybe they're interesting. I've never been."

ITALIAN PRIME MINISTER SILVIO BERLUSCONI

partying hard mean he does not get sufficient rest." Yesterday, Berlusconi shrugged off the commentary with a laugh.

"I unfortunately have never in my life been to a wild party," he said. "Maybe they're interesting. I've never been."

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► Silvio Berlusconi



► A young earthquake survivor walks in a camp set up for people displaced by the January earthquake in Port-au-Prince.

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Haiti awaits results

Haiti wrapped up its Sunday elections in discord while results were not likely until Dec. 7 and runoffs were expected for the presidency and nearly all senatorial and parliamentary races. Balloting was marred by rampant disorganization, voter intimidation and violence that killed at least two people.

Group says crumbling cities need more cash

80 About 80 per cent of Canadians live in the major urban centres but less than 10 per cent of all taxes are collected by municipal governments.

Canada's big cities are facing a fiscal crunch that threatens their ability to pay for such things as transit, sewers and housing, say business groups in a joint appeal to federal and provincial governments.

In a news release to be issued nationally today, the chambers of commerce from 13 of Canada's largest municipalities call for a new urban strategy to keep cities from falling apart.

"The bottom line is that Canada's largest urban centres need a more stable, secure and growing revenue source," the release states.

But while municipalities have traditionally placed the lion's share of blame on underfunding from Ottawa and the provinces, the chambers say the municipalities share some responsibility.

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Picassos pop up

A retired electrician in France says that 271 of Pablo Picasso's creations have been sitting for decades in his garage. Picasso's heirs are claiming theft and the art world is savoring what appears to be an authentic find.

In May, a 1932 Picasso painting sold for \$106.5 million. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



► A member of the Korea Disabled Veterans Organization beats burning effigies of North Korean leader Kim Jong Il and his son Kim Jong Un, right, during a rally yesterday.

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Anger erupts over island attack

Protesters held a rally in Gwangju, South Korea, denouncing last Tuesday's North Korean bombardment of the border island of Yeonpyeong. South Korea's president has vowed tough consequences for any future attack.

U.S. to sue WikiLeaks?

- Obama administration feels the heat after cables go public
- Considering taking legal action

WIKI LEAKS



said the U.S. would not rule out taking action against WikiLeaks. Attorney General Eric Holder said the administration would prosecute if violations of federal law are found in a criminal investigation of the incident.

Gibbs said President Barack Obama was briefed on the impending massive leak last week and was "not pleased" about the breach of classified documents. "This is a serious violation of the law," Gibbs said.

The White House ordered a government-wide review of how agencies safeguard sensitive information. Clinton said steps were already being taken to tighten oversight of diplomatic files.

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Riots erupt in Egypt over alleged fraud

► Rights groups say government kept independent monitors out of polling stations in order to stuff ballots

Protesters set fire to cars, tires and two polling stations, clashing with police firing tear gas in riots that erupted around Egypt yesterday.

A coalition of local and international rights groups reported that the balloting was marred by widespread rigging after the government prevented monitoring. It said opposition candidate representatives and independent monitors who were supposed to be allowed to watch the voting were barred from almost all polling stations around the country, allowing officials to stuff ballot boxes.

The country's most



► Protesters chant "fraud" in Cairo yesterday.

powerful opposition movement, the Islamic fundamentalist Muslim Brotherhood, acknowledged that its lawmakers may be all but completely swept out of parliament.

The election showed the Brotherhood's limited options after repeated crack-

downs — including the arrest of some 1,400 of its activists in the weeks ahead of the vote.

Sunday's parliamentary vote was overshadowed by a presidential election set for next year. The man who has ruled Egypt for nearly three decades, 82-year-old President Hosni Mubarak, has had health issues and many believe he is positioning his son, Gamal, to succeed him.

In Washington, State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley said the United States had "serious concerns about what occurred," though it was still evaluating the situation. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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Europe. Air travel



► Willie Walsh, CEO-elect of IAG, leaves London's Heathrow Airport yesterday.

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Merger creates EU's 3rd largest airline

Shareholders in British Airways PLC and Iberia SA yesterday approved an \$8.9-billion US merger that will create Europe's third-largest airline. The two airlines announced the merger earlier this year as a way to survive in an industry facing falling demand from both business and leisure travellers.

Housing costs expected to rise

► Mortage rates likely to jump next year, says Royal Bank

Rising mortgage rates are expected to increase the cost of home ownership and keep house prices in check next year, according to a report by the Royal Bank.

Canada's largest bank suggested increasing household income and an improved job market will balance supply and demand.

"We don't see any kind of imbalances out there

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Royal Bank said all the provinces saw improvements in housing affordability during the quarter, especially British Columbia.

The report suggested that housing affordability improved at the national level by between 1.4 and 2.5 per cent.

that need to be corrected or rectified over the next year or so, so we think that probably will translate into modest everything," RBC senior economist Robert Hogue said.

Canadian fixed-rate mortgages spiked up in the spring, but have since seen a steady decline, helping increase affordability for home buyers this year.

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Astral goes live with new deal

Astral Media Inc. says it has inked an agreement to beam its radio stations to mobile devices across Canada under a three-year deal with UBC Media Group.

The pact will include the creation of software applications for smartphones that allow listeners to enter contests, use social networking, stream live music, buy music and interact directly with on-air personalities and with each other.

Scheduled to go live in early 2011, the mobile applications will be compatible with Apple's iPhones, BlackBerrys and Google-powered Android smartphones.

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CHEAPNESS MIGHT ACTUALLY BE A VIRTUE

She says ...

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This is a story about my co-worker Phillip.

Phillip and I happen to share the same birthday. And this is where the similarities end. While I've been known to be a bit reckless with my spending, he is much more conservative when it comes to finances.

If I were polite I would call Phillip extremely frugal. But instead, I'll be honest and call him cheap. He brings penny-pinching, coupon clipping and discount shopping to a whole new level.

In addition to his actual job, Phillip runs a small convenience store out of his cubicle. On any given day his filing cabinet holds chocolate bars, trail mix, bags of chips and even packages of Tums

for overindulgent co-workers. He dispenses his wares at an exorbitant premium, making a significant profit off of snack-happy office mates. Phillip has a strict pricing policy; he doesn't permit haggling and will not sell you a handful of Skittles at a discount.

Despite daily arguments over the cost of a single mini Kit-Kat bar (50 cents each or three for a dollar) Phillip's stingy attitude can also be a helpful (if not hilarious) addition to the daily 9-5 grind. He

routinely circulates emails that alert office staff to special sales and discounts that might be of interest.

So why should you care about any of this?

We're all inclined to be a bit generous with our paycheques around the holidays. Every year, I splurge on gifts for loved ones only to wind up plunging into a debt despair come January.

This year, Phillip — my perpetually penny-wise friend — has been encouraging me to give

"On the heels of Black Friday and the general insanity of holiday shopping, I've started thinking that maybe gratuitous spending isn't so great, even if it is in the name of all things festive."

up my wanton ways and come over to the cheap side. Ninety per cent of his gift giving is reliant on whatever those group-buying coupon websites offer in the weeks leading up to the holidays.

What a Grinch. But maybe he's onto something. On the heels of Black Friday and the general insanity of holiday shopping, I've started thinking that maybe gratuitous spending isn't so great, even if it is in the name of all things festive. In the face of crazed consumerism, cheapness might actually be a virtue. And perhaps a little retail restraint is just what we all need this holiday season.



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12 days equals \$100K

Worth mentioning

In the unlikely event that your Christmas list this year includes every item mentioned in The Twelve Days Of Christmas, be prepared to pay nearly \$100,000.

Trying to buy the 364 items repeated in all the song's verses — from 12 drummers drumming to a partridge in a pear tree — would cost \$96,824 US, an increase of 10.8 per cent over last year, according to the annual Christmas Price Index compiled by PNC Wealth Management.

So you might want to try for one of everything. That would cost only \$23,439, or 9.2 per cent more than last year.

Holiday index



The 27th annual holiday index has historically mirrored the U.S. Consumer Price Index, but not this year. The PNC Christmas Price Index grew 9.2 per cent from last year, compared with just a 1.1 per cent increase in the much broader Consumer Price Index.

Also, gold prices are high — which pushed the

cost of five gold rings up 30 per cent to \$649.95 — as was the cost of hiring entertainers.

The most expensive item on the list was \$6,294.03 to hire nine ladies dancing, a 15 per cent increase from last year. The cheapest was \$12 for one partridge, a 20 per cent increase.

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Metro Minute with Keith Urban

If you've got a minute, Edmonton, and you happen to be a huge country music fan — we just might have the best minute (or two) to spend for you.

Country music superstar Keith Urban is scheduled to play at West Edmonton Mall at the Ice Palace at 6 p.m. today for hundreds of adoring fans.

The New Zealand born,

Australian singer-songwriter is in Edmonton to help promote his new album — Get Closer — and will be performing an acoustic set for fans and then signing autographs afterwards.

Be sure to get there early if you want your chance to hear Urban at West Edmonton Mall today.

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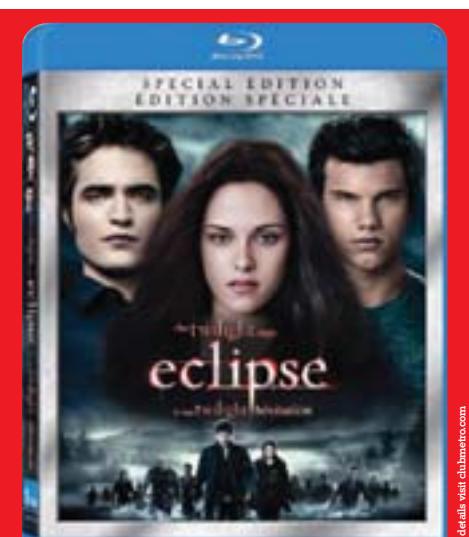


Addiction specialist Dr. Drew Pinsky will have a new prime-time show weeknights on HLN starting next spring. His HLN show is expected to be more of a talk show, where he discusses news stories that fit into his area of expertise.

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Book Review: Anita Shreve again looks at love and moments of loss in new novel, *Rescue*



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From the future Queen of England to the guidos and guidettes of the Jersey Shore, Barbara Walters reveals the most fascinating people of the year. 16-year-old Justin Bieber and 88-year-old Betty White also sit down to talk with legendary broadcaster



► The cast of the Jersey Shore.

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► Sandra Bullock



► Sarah Palin



► LeBron James



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2010's most fascinating people

sensation Justin Bieber? What do octogenarian funny lady Betty White share with teen singing

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All are among this year's crop of The 10 Most Fascinating People, as harvested by Barbara Walters from the fields of entertainment, sports and world affairs.

Also on the list: GOP superstar Sarah Palin, incoming American Idol judge Jennifer Lopez, royal fiancée Kate Middleton and the entire cast of MTV's Jersey Shore. Two more Most Fascinating People are yet to be disclosed, and, as usual, the 10th name will be kept under wraps until the ABC News special airs Dec. 9 at 10 p.m.

This is the 18th year Walters has presented her roundup of the biggest and most buzzworthy. But this year, there's more. She's got a companion special the same night.

An hour earlier — at 9 p.m. EST — Walters is hosting Oprah, The Next Chapter. It's an in-depth visit with Winfrey as she

readies OWN, her new cable network launching Jan. 1, and roars down the home stretch of her daytime talk show's final season.

I interviewed her in 1988, when she was first becoming very popular," Walters said not long ago. "She and I consider this latest interview our coming full circle."

On the program, Winfrey will discuss her new network, the reason she's doing it and concerns she has for its success — "it's a huge leap of faith," Walters said.

Winfrey also talks "very personally" about her relationships with best friend Gayle King and longtime partner Stedman Graham.

"This is an interview about Oprah's life at this turning point," Walters said.

On The 10 Most Fascinating People of 2010, the conversation is personal, too, when Walters sits down with White.

At 88, White has enjoyed a year of triumphs and much-deserved atten-

tion as an actress-comedian who is full of life, but during her interview, "she talks about how she feels about death," said Walters, adding, "She still wants to have sex."

Palin — the bestselling author and former governor and vice-presidential candidate — is one of Walters' most fascinating people for a record third consecutive year. Walters said she came away from their recent meeting convinced that "this is a woman who is going to be a candidate (for president) — or, at least, wants to be a candidate."

Walters saw fit to interview Snooki, The Situation and the rest of this outrageous reality show.

"They were all on very good behaviour and very well dressed, and they've all got big plans for the future," said Walters. "And they taught me their language" — terms like smooch and grenade — "none of which I need to know."

Walters learned something from Bieber, too. He taught Walters a new

dance.

"This is a kid who is smart as can be and very talented at 16," Walters said. And despite his huge success (he emerged as the biggest winner at this year's American Music Awards), he hasn't lost his grounding as a 16-year-old: "His mother still takes away his computer when he doesn't behave."

As Walters looked back at the year that served up her latest "Fascinating People," she couldn't help remark on what the year has meant to her: In May, she underwent open-heart surgery to replace a faulty valve.

"It was last year at this time that there began to be this shadow in my life," she said, "because that's when I heard that I might possibly have to have this surgery. Now that shadow is gone. I've been staggeringly busy the last few months, and I'm fine."

"It's not that I'm fascinating, but I think my journey this year has been fascinating."

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Justin Bieber gets ready for crucial change

- His voice hasn't broken yet, but it will soon
- Working with Usher's voice coach

While his star continues to rise, there are concerns over how exactly teen sensation Justin Bieber's voice is dropping.

"Justin is physically developing at a slower rate

than most guys so his voice is only breaking now," a source tells the News of the World. "He's working with the best in the business, a specialist called Jan Smith, to make sure he

gets as much vocal rest as humanly possible for a working pop star. It's the same people who worked with Usher when his voice broke.

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Hathaway, Franco will host Oscars

James Franco and Anne Hathaway have just what Academy Award producers want as hosts of Hollywood's biggest night. They'll put on a show, rather than just another awards ceremony, organizers say.

Bruce Cohen and Don Mischer, producers of the Feb. 27 telecast, said Monday they had chosen Franco and Hathaway as hosts because the two are rising stars with broad talent that will help turn the night into a celebration of film.

"What we have here are two really emerging talents who are very respected and are going to have, I think, magnificent careers," Mischer said.

Both have done serious drama and comedy. Hathaway earned a best-actress Oscar nomination for 2008's *Rachel Getting Married* and starred in such comedies as *The Princess Diaries* and *The Devil Wears Prada*.

Franco had an Emmy nomination for the title role of 2001's *James Dean*,

co-starred in the Oscar-winning *Milk* and delivered a memorable comic turn as a spacey pot dealer in *Pineapple Express*.

Hathaway also showed off her musical talents in a duet at the 2008 Oscars with the show's host, Hugh Jackman. Oscar producers were uncertain whether Franco can sing.

"There's a rumour that he can, and we will be exploring that," Cohen said.

"What we do know is they both have a great sense of humour and a great sense of comedy," Mischer said.

While most Oscar shows over the past two decades have had comedians such as Billy Crystal, Chris Rock or Jon Stewart as emcee, Hathaway and Franco continue a recent trend of using film stars.

Steve Martin, a past solo host of the Oscars, and his *It's Complicated* co-star Alec Baldwin teamed up as hosts last year, while X-Men and Broadway star Jackman was host the year before.

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Spider-Man left hanging

Spider-Man's web has gotten tangled on Broadway.

Several delays and at least two actors left dangling from cables marred the first preview of the

mega-musical Spider-Man: Turn Off the Dark.

According to published reports, Sunday night's performance of the reported \$65 million show

ran over three hours because flying tricks went wrong and the musical had to stop at least five times.

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Twins for Mariah?

With Mariah Carey's pregnancy a matter of record now, there's speculation that the ever-swelling diva may actually be having twins. Carey herself didn't help matters while promoting her new Christmas CD, thanks to a little pronoun slip. "I just hope that they don't turn out hating Christmas," she joked with Radio Disney.

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Celebrity tweets

Mariah Carey [@@Mari ahCarey] Curly or straight?..need the input:)

Nicole Richie [@@nicolerichie] My son saw Robert Redford on tv & screamed "daddy!". yeah Sparrow, in both of our dreams

Russell Crowe [@@russell crowe] Kevin and I are having a liquid dinner

Steve Martin [@@SteveMartin ToGo] Wife packed her bags and was almost out the door over my misspelling of "indie." Romanced her back with a.l.l.b.u..q.u..e.r.q.u..e... ● METRO

Talking points

Kirsten's cheesy life

CAN'T BEAT IT. Kirsten Dunst admits she's been living a very un-Hollywood lifestyle since she's been out of the spotlight. "I live at my mom's right now," Kirsten says, according to Hollyscoop. "I don't have a house in L.A. anymore. It's great. I live there and go out to my favourite Valley spots like Hugo's Tacos, Artisan Cheese Gallery. Oh, it's so good there!" ● METRO

Christmas with Angie

NO SCROOGE. While Angelina Jolie may have caught flack for her supposed disapproval of Thanksgiving, the actress is no such Scrooge when it comes to Christmas, according to *Popeater*. "Christmas was the favourite holiday of Angelina's mom, Marcheline Bertrand," a source says. "It was a time when Angie and her brother James would open presents and enjoy being together. It's this, not the religious part, that Angie wants to pass on to her kids." ● METRO



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3 life

The disease



The HIV/AIDS epidemic is changing. In Canada, 65,000 people lived with HIV infection in 2008, an increase of 14 per cent since 2005, reports Health Canada. Gay men continue to be the group most affected by HIV in Canada, amounting to 44 per cent of those infected. But, according to Alberta neurologist Dr. Chris Power, vulnerable populations include IV. drug users and Aboriginal women.

CELIA MILNE

HIV linked to brain disease: Researchers

► Neurological problems shown to be common among AIDS patients ► No longer universally fatal, antiretroviral drugs are helping to improve survival rate ► Still a long way to go though

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Rita Tekeste, age 34, is HIV positive.

Since she was diagnosed with the infection seven years ago, she has been on antiretroviral medications, which keep her virus under control while she raises two children, works, and volunteers at the Southern Alberta HIV Clinic in Calgary.

But starting in 2007, Tekeste had some new problems: horrendous headaches, debilitating seizures and loss of memory.

Thanks to one of her

physicians, Dr. Chris Powers, the world now knows that neurological problems like this are fairly common in people with HIV/AIDS patients.

He and colleagues recently published results of an important 10-year study linking HIV to neurological disease.

"In a nutshell we showed that despite the availability of antiretroviral drugs, neurological disease is common, occurring in over 20 per cent of those with HIV," Dr. Powers told Metro.

He is a professor in neurology at the universities of Alberta and Calgary and Canada Research Chair in

"It is not universally fatal the way it was before."

DR. CHRIS POWERS

Neurological Infection and Immunity.

Tekeste is now feeling OK. She's on medications to control her seizures and headaches, as well as taking a cocktail of HIV drugs.

Overall, there is good news on the HIV front, thanks to the dozens of HIV medications now on the market in Canada.

"Yes, it is not universally fatal the way it was before, because of the availability of antiretroviral drugs.

rals," says Power. But there is bad news too.

"Survival depends on drug cocktails that are hard to take, expensive and toxic. And survival is still much less than in the general population and particularly bad if you have neurological disease."

The study included 1,651 people infected with HIV who were being treated at the Southern Alberta Clinic in Calgary between 1998 and 2008; in those 10 years, 404 of them had neurological problems such as seizures, dementia, nerve pain in their hands and feet, memory loss, headaches and migraines.

Zoonotic

HIV/AIDS is far from the only disease that comes to us from animals. These viruses, bacteria and other nasty bugs are called "zoonotic infections" and there are more than 500 of them, according to the Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health. Here is a partial list of other disease:

- H1N1 from pigs
- West Nile virus from birds
- Measles from cattle
- Rabies from dogs
- HIV from monkeys
- Lyme disease from ticks
- Malaria from mosquitoes



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Gay HIV boom hits young men

A generation ago, AIDS was decimating the gay population. Now it's back.

"HIV is clobbering the gay community," says Robert Carr, director of policy and advocacy at the International Council of AIDS Service Organizations.

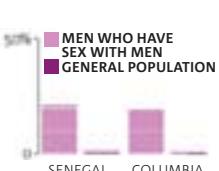
"A new generation has grown up that doesn't remember the AIDS epidemic in the 1980's. People don't see their friends dying like they did then. And they've become complacent because HIV isn't a death sentence any more."

There's one obvious reason for the high infection rates: HIV spreads more easily through anal sex than through vaginal sex.

"(Gay men) here often get the virus while having drug-induced sex," says Mikey, an HIV-positive AIDS outreach worker in Kuala Lumpur. Multiple

Infection rates

Infection rates are increasing around the world.



► **United States** The rate of new HIV diagnoses among homosexuals in the U.S. is more than 44 times that of other men.

► **France** Homosexuals have an HIV infection rate 200 times higher than the heterosexual population, and account for 48 per cent of new infections.

don't realize they can get infected.

"Societies have to be honest about the fact that they have gay people," says Carr.

"And in Western countries there are now gay men who aren't white and middle-class. HIV is increasing among men that weren't part of our countries 20 years ago."

● ELISABETH BRAW

In search of new treatments

AIDS researchers around the world are watching the "slow progressors" — people who have HIV infection but don't develop full-blown AIDS.

They only account for one per cent of HIV-infected individuals, but they may provide a key to new treatments. An international study has identified a genetic variation that helps their immune system control the infection



► Researchers are looking at new ways to treat AIDS.

before it spreads. The Canadian arm was led by Dr. Cécile Tremblay, a researcher with the Centre hospitalier de l'Université de Montréal Research Centre. He assembled research on slow progressors from all over Canada.

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An old favourite

► Old Bay Seasoning has changed its classic side-of-the-can crab cake recipe, but we dug up the original

Preparation:

1 Heat oven to 200 C (400 F). Then, to make remoulade: In a bowl, whisk together mayonnaise, pepper jelly, capers, gherkins, parsley and Worcestershire sauce. Season with salt and pepper. Set aside.

2 Cut two ends off each potato, then cut each in half across the centre to create two rounds. Place in bowl and cover with hot water. Allow to rest for 10 minutes.

3 Remove potatoes from water and dry well. Place potatoes on a rimmed baking sheet and toss with oil, salt and pepper.

4 Arrange potatoes in an even layer on baking sheet, then roast for 15 minutes. Use a spatula to flip each round, then roast for another 15

minutes or until they are crispy and browned on the outside and tender on the inside.

5 While potatoes cook, make crab cakes. Crumble stale bread into a medium bowl and add milk. All the bread should absorb all the milk. Add remaining crab cake ingredients and mix until incorporated.

6 Form mixture into 20 miniature patties, about the size of a tablespoon.

7 When potatoes are cooked, transfer them to paper towels to drain any excess oil. Carefully place crab cakes on hot pan and return to oven. Cook for 5 minutes, then turn on broiler. Brown crab cakes on one side, two minutes, flip crab cakes over and broil them until browned on the other side.

8 Arrange potatoes on a platter. Top each one with a crab cake, then drop a small dollop of remoulade. Serve immediately. Makes 20.

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Ingredients:

REMOULADE

- 50 ml (1/4 cup) mayonnaise
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) hot pepper jelly
- 50 ml (1 tsp) capers, chopped
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) chopped sweet gherkins
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) chopped fresh parsley
- 5 ml (1 tsp) Worcestershire sauce
- Salt and black pepper

POTATOES

- 10 baby red potatoes
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) vegetable



► Crab cake potato stacks made with Old Bay seasoning.

oil
• Salt and ground black pepper, to taste

CRAB CAKES

- 2 slices stale bread, crusts removed
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) milk
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) mayonnaise
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) Worcestershire sauce
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) chopped parsley
- 5 ml 1 tbsp) baking powder
- 5 ml (1 tbsp) Old Bay seasoning
- 1 egg, beaten
- 500 g (1 lb) lump crabmeat

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I'm a vegetarian but my husband-to-be is a carnivore. We're on the verge of moving in together, but he's upset that I won't allow meat in the house. Can a vegetarian and meat-lover ever live happily ever after?

Angela says...

Relationships are all about compromise and it doesn't seem fair to all out ban meat from the house if your loved one partakes.

You will both need to figure out how to have meat around, while being respectful of each other's food choices. This will be a logistical challenge, no doubt. But remember that sharing meals can be a very intimate activity you

do together as a couple — whether it's cooking together, preparing a treat for your honey or stocking the fridge for your loved one. You don't want to feel as though you're college roommates labelling one half of the fridge.

Derek says...

During our honeymoon, Angela and I visited her family in southern Italy. When we arrived at their house, one of the first sentences out of my newzia's mouth was "We're having rabbit for dinner. We killed it this afternoon in your honour."

I learned, you can't force a meat-eater to go green.

The award for worst sex goes to...

Canadian author Annabel Lyon has not written the year's worst literary sex scene.

Lyon had been short listed for the Literary Review Bad Sex in Fiction award, but the dubious honour ultimately went to Irish author Rowan Somerville for The Shape of Her.

Judges of the annual literary award said they were especially impressed by a passage comparing lovemaking to "a lepidopterist mounting a tough-skinned insect."

The animal imagery continues elsewhere in the novel, a tale of desire and memory set on a Greek island. One character's fingers are described as "tender enough to hold a

tiny bird."

The prize, founded in 1993 by Literary Review magazine, aims to draw attention to "the crude, tasteless, and often perfunctory use of redundant passages of sexual description in contemporary novels."

Somerville, who was born in Britain and lives in Ireland, took his victory in good humour, noting that "there is nothing more English than bad sex."

He said he was honoured to be shortlisted alongside authors like Australia's Christos Tsiolkas — for The Slap.

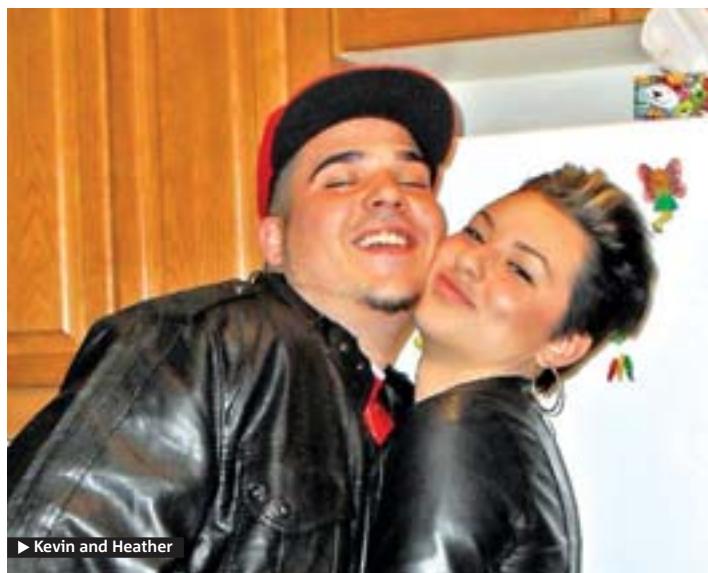
Lyon was in the running for The Golden Mean, which was nominated for the Scotiabank Giller Prize and the Governor General's

Award and won the Rogers Writers' Trust Fiction Prize.

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THE USHER THAT STOLE HER HEART



How We Met: Kevin & Heather

Names: Kevin, 22, and Heather, 20

Current city: Toronto

Together since: 2009

Their story:

was 19 and had been through my fair share of frogs.

My cousin and her fiancé held a barbecue mixer so that all the bridesmaids and ushers could get to know one another. It was a hot day in July, and I definitely dressed to impress that afternoon!

My cousin introduced me to this semi-tall, slightly chubby guy—I saw him as the portrait of perfection! He was exactly who I pictured as my ideal man.

It turned out he was the usher to my bridesmaid, and he was that same cute, eager boy from three years earlier. We talked that whole night and quickly became inseparable. He swept me off my feet this time around, and I knew from then on that I didn't want to live without him. It was definitely love at second sight!

"I was 16 years old the first time I (Heather) met Kevin. We were at a party and although he was very charming and persistent, I wasn't interested that night (I was only 16)..."

Fast-forward almost three years, and I'd been asked to serve as a bridesmaid in my cousin's wedding.

The only thing in my mind was 'I hope my usher is cute!' Shallow? Sure. But I

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d-Philadelphia	25	15	6	2	87	61	34	9-4-0	6-2-2	6-2-0	L2		
d-Montreal	24	15	8	1	60	47	31	9-4-0	6-4-0	7-3-0	W1		
Pittsburgh	26	16	8	2	0	79	62	34	7-5-1	9-3-0	9-0-1	W7	
Tampa Bay	24	13	8	2	1	73	78	29	6-2-1	7-6-0	5-4-0	L2	
NY Rangers	26	14	11	1	0	74	69	29	5-7-0	9-4-0	6-4-0	L1	
Atlanta	24	12	9	1	2	80	75	27	8-5-0	4-4-1	6-4-0	W5	
Boston	22	12	8	0	2	59	46	26	4-5-0	2-3-0	4-5-0	L1	
Carolina	24	10	11	0	3	71	78	23	5-5-0	5-6-0	3-4-0	L2	
Ottawa	25	11	13	1	0	58	75	23	7-6-0	4-7-0	3-7-0	L1	
Buffalo	25	9	13	3	0	62	73	21	4-8-0	5-5-0	5-4-0	L1	
Florida	22	10	12	0	57	57	20	5-5-0	5-7-0	5-5-0	W1		
Toronto	22	8	11	1	2	48	61	19	6-4-1	2-7-0	3-1	L2	
New Jersey	24	8	14	1	1	45	69	18	4-5-1	4-9-0	4-5-0	W1	
NY Islanders	22	5	12	3	2	49	75	15	3-4-1	2-8-2	1-7-1	W1	

WESTERN CONFERENCE

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d-Detroit	21	15	4	1	73	56	32	10-1-1	5-3-0	7-2-0	W2		
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d-Vancouver	22	12	7	1	2	68	59	27	8-2-0	4-5-1	5-4-0	L2	
Columbus	22	14	8	0	0	62	53	28	6-6-0	8-2-0	6-4-0	L2	
Chicago	26	13	11	1	1	79	74	28	5-7-0	8-4-1	5-4-0	L1	
St. Louis	22	12	7	1	2	57	57	27	8-1-0	4-6-1	4-5-0	L2	
Phoenix	22	11	6	4	1	66	65	27	5-2-2	6-3-2	7-1-1	L1	
Colorado	23	13	9	1	0	83	71	27	7-4-0	5-6-0	5-5-0	W1	
Los Angeles	22	13	9	0	0	63	55	26	8-2-0	5-7-0	4-6-0	L3	
San Jose	22	11	7	4	0	65	63	26	7-3-2	4-4-2	5-2-3	W1	
Anaheim	25	11	11	2	1	64	77	25	7-4-0	4-7-0	4-4-2	W1	
Minnesota	23	11	10	0	2	56	65	24	7-5-0	4-5-0	4-6-0	L2	
Nashville	22	9	8	3	2	51	60	23	3-3-2	6-7-0	4-4-2	L4	
Calgary	24	10	12	1	1	67	69	22	6-5-0	4-7-1	3-5-1	W1	
Edmonton	23	7	12	1	3	59	89	18	3-6-0	4-6-2	3-5-1	W1	

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results

Pittsburgh 3 N.Y. Rangers 1
Dallas 4 Carolina 1
Edmonton 4 Ottawa 1
Calgary 3 Minnesota 0
Los Angeles at Anaheim

Sunday's results

Atlanta 4 Boston 1
Detroit 4 Columbus 2

OILERS 4, SENATORS 1

First Period

1. Ottawa, Foligno 1 (Neil) 6:30

Penalties — Whitney Edm (high-sticking) 3:22, Gagner Edm (tripping) 7:11, Horcoff Edm (hooking) 17:29.

Second Period

2. Edmonton, Gilbert 4 (Gagner) 18:39 (pp)
Penalties — Winchester Ott (high-sticking) 3:29, Regin Ott (delay of game) 8:55, Winchester Ott (hooking) 13:14, Neil Ott (tripping) 17:06.

Third Period

3. Edmonton, Cogliano 3 (Brule, Penner) 4:19
4. Edmonton, Brule 4 (Cogliano, Penner) 12:48
5. Edmonton, Hall 6 (Horcoff, Eberle) 18:05 (en)

Penalty — Foligno Ott (boarding) 5:02.

Shots

Edmonton 7 10 8 25
Ottawa 11 5 7 25

Goal — Edmonton: Gerber (W-2,0-0); Ottawa: Elliott (L10-8-0). Power plays (goals-chances)

— Edmonton: 1-5; Ottawa: 0-3.

Att. — 17,002 (19,152) at Ottawa.

FLAMES 3, WILD 0

First Period

No Scoring.

Penalties — Regehr Cal (hooking) 6:31, Clutterbuck Minn (slashing) 18:59.

Second Period

1. Calgary, Bouwmeester 3 (Iginla, Tanguay) 3:08
2. Calgary, Iginla 10 (Tanguay, Giordano) 3:26

Penalty — Stajan Cal (hooking) 13:35.

Third Period

3. Calgary, Hagman 7 (Jokinen, Bourque) 18:31 (pp)
Penalties — Giordano Cal (interference) 7:32, Schultz Minn (hooking) 11:06, Burns Minn (tripping) 17:20.

Shots

Washington 3 Carolina 2 (SO)

Tonight's games

(All times Eastern)

Tampa Bay at Toronto, 7 p.m.

Phoenix at Nashville, 8 p.m.

St. Louis at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.

Atlanta at Colorado, 9:30 p.m.

Detroit at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

CLEVELAND INDIANS — Agreed to terms with C Luke Carlin on a minor league contract.

DDETROIT TIGERS — Designated RHP Zach Miner for assignment.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

MONTREAL EXPOS — Named Bob Schaefer special assistant to the general manager.

HOCKEY

NHL

MINNESOTA WILD — Recalled F Matt Kassian from Houston (AHL). Reassigned F Robbie Earl to Houston.

SOCCER

SPAIN

LA LIGA

Yesterday's result

Barcelona 5 Real Madrid 0

TENNIS

ATP WORLD TOUR

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Final

	W	L	Pct	GB
1. Rafael Nadal	8,571,998			
2. Roger Federer	\$6,698,289			
3. Novak Djokovic	\$7,778,857			
4. Andy Murray	\$5,546,095			
5. Robin Soderling	\$3,331,365			
6. David Ferrer	\$2,318,353			
7. Tomas Berdych	\$2,249,170			
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Not including last night's games

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ATLANTIC DIVISION

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Boston	12	4	.750	—
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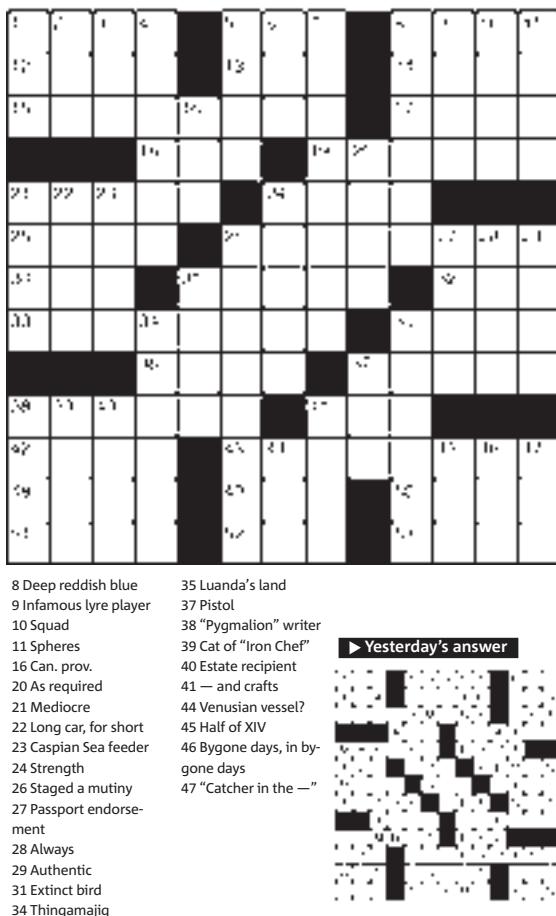
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Atlanta	11	7	.611	2
Miami	10	6	.625	2½
Portland				

Crossword

Across
 1 Small plateau
 5 Banned pesticide
 8 Division word
 12 Andy's pal
 13 "—la-la!"
 14 —do-well
 15 Sucker
 17 Hardly colorful
 18 Single
 19 Figures of speech
 21 Speak (out) impulsively
 24 Advertise
 25 Old Italian money
 26 Rein-vested money
 30 "— Camera"
 31 One of Donald Duck's nephews
 32 "— got it!"
 33 Something retained from before
 35 On the briny
 36 Small
 37 Angry dog's sound
 38 Group of fish
 41 Summer mo.
 42 Tackled weeds
 43 Triangular pastry
 48 Soprano's solo
 49 Salamander
 50 Easter flower
 51 Hospital section
 52 Two, in Tijuana
 53 Staffer

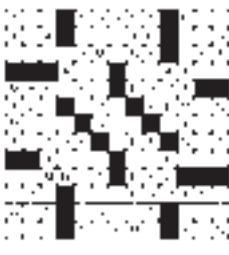
Down
 1 Chart
 2 Ostrich's cousin
 3 "Help!"
 4 Off the boat
 5 Peace symbol
 6 Female deer
 7 Michael Jackson classic



8 Deep reddish blue
 9 Infamous lyre player
 10 Squad
 11 Spheres
 16 Can. prov.
 20 As required
 21 Mediocre
 22 Long car, for short
 23 Caspian Sea feeder
 24 Strength
 26 Staged a mutiny
 27 Passport endorsement
 28 Always
 29 Authentic
 31 Extinct bird
 34 Thingamajig

35 Luanda's land
 37 Pistol
 38 "Pygmalion" writer
 39 Cat of "Iron Chef"
 40 Estate recipient
 41 — and crafts
 44 Venusian vessel?
 45 Half of XIV
 46 Bygone days, in by-gone days
 47 "Catcher in the —"

► Yesterday's answer



Today's horoscope



♈ Aries March 21-April 20
 Everyone needs to have a dream. Don't let those who lack your imagination talk you out of trying to make your vision of a better life come true. You can, and you will, make it happen.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 20
 Venus, planet of harmony, moves into your opposite sign today, making it easier for you to get through to loved ones on an emotional level. They're waiting for you to reach out.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21
 The more of an effort you make to get along with colleagues, the more of an effort they will make to help you out with something that is too much for you to cope with on your own.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22
 You will find that the right opportunity comes at just the right time and in just the right way. After that, it's up to you. Seize the day and make it your own.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23
 Your home life may have been a bit chaotic lately, but from today it will start to settle down again. Domestic bliss is a necessary precondition to making the most of your creative talents. Soon, you'll be flying again.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22
 Ignore what others say cannot be done and do it anyway. For them, it may be difficult, even impossible. But for you, it will be child's play — simply because you refuse to take it too seriously.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23
 Positive news regarding your cash flow is due any day. Stop worrying about where your next dollar is coming from because negative thinking only pushes good things away. Think rich and you'll be rich. It's that simple.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
 You may be intense by nature but you will relax considerably now that Venus is moving into your birth sign. Life is good and you can sense that it is about to get even better.

♐ Sagittarius
 Nov. 23-Dec. 21
 Others can lower their standards and settle for second best if they like, but you're not about to follow their example. You're No. 1 or you're nothing.

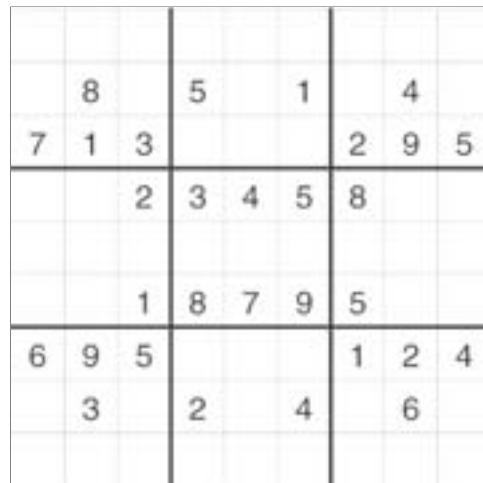
♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
 What can you do to help friends through a rough patch? Tell them jokes. Make them smile. Laughter is always the best medicine.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
 Venus crosses the career angle of your chart today, smoothing your path to success by making it easy to get along with employers. They want to see you succeed. How much do you want it?

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20
 Stop worrying about the things you can't change and start enjoying the good things in life. You may think life has been hard of late but compared to most people, you've had it easy. ● SALLY BROMPTON

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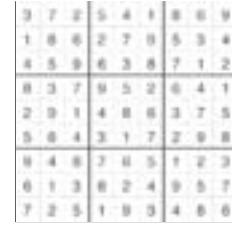
Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ►



A look at the weather

TODAY Min -11° Max -5° **WEDNESDAY** Min -14° Max -6° **THURSDAY** Min -13° Max -5°

Michele McDougall  **Weather Specialist**
 "My favourite part is reporting the weather. It fascinates me, and as we know around here, it's always changing, keeping forecasters on their toes." WEEKDAYS 6AM

BRAINERD DISPATCH, KELLY HUMPHREY/AP

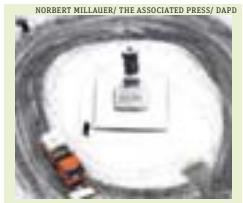
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Ixtapa/Zihuatanejo via Calgary

Barceló Ixtapa Beach • 4 ★
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Jan. 8-29 • 1 wk.



1st passenger
\$1199

+Taxes & other fees: \$255

2nd passenger
\$599

+Taxes & other fees: \$255

Puerto Vallarta/Riviera Nayarit
via Calgary

Canto del Sol Plaza Vallarta • 3 1/2 ★

All-Inclusive • Standard rm.
Jan. 8-29 • 1 wk.

1st passenger
\$1199

+Taxes & other fees: \$105

2nd passenger
\$600

+Taxes & other fees: \$105

Barceló Puerto Vallarta • 4 ★

All-Inclusive • Junior suite deluxe
Jan. 8-29 • 1 wk.

1st passenger
\$1259

+Taxes & other fees: \$105

2nd passenger
\$629

+Taxes & other fees: \$105

ST. MARTIN/ST. MAARTEN
via Toronto

Hotel Beach Plaza • 3 1/2 ★
Breakfast • Luxe island view rm.
Jan. 8, 15, 22 & 29 • 1 wk.

1st passenger
\$1289

+Taxes & other fees: \$204

2nd passenger
\$735

+Taxes & other fees: \$204

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Samana via Toronto

Gran Bahia Principe
Cayacoa • 4 ★
All-Inclusive • Standard rm.
Jan. 1-30 • 1 wk.



1st passenger
\$1199

+Taxes & other fees: \$157

2nd passenger
\$699

+Taxes & other fees: \$157

Punta Cana via Calgary

Occidental Grand Punta Cana • 4 ★

All-Inclusive • Junior suite
Jan. 4-25 • 1 wk.

1st passenger
\$1519

+Taxes & other fees: \$152

2nd passenger
\$759

+Taxes & other fees: \$152

Gran Bahia Principe
Punta Cana • 4 1/2 ★

All-Inclusive • Junior suite
Jan. 4-25 • 1 wk.

1st passenger
\$1689

+Taxes & other fees: \$152

2nd passenger
\$839

+Taxes & other fees: \$152

Gran Bahia Principe Ambar,
Don Pablo Collection • 5 ★

All-Inclusive • Junior Suite
Jan. 4-25 • 1 wk.

Adults only

1st passenger
\$1849

+Taxes & other fees: \$152

2nd passenger
\$929

+Taxes & other fees: \$152

JAMAICA

Sunset Jamaica Grande
Resort & Spa • 4 ★

All-Inclusive • Traditional standard rm.
Jan. 6 & 13 • 1 wk.



1st passenger
\$1449

+Taxes & other fees: \$97

2nd passenger
\$725

+Taxes & other fees: \$97

Gran Bahia Principe
Jamaica • 4 1/2 ★

All-Inclusive • Junior suite
Jan. 6 & 13 • 1 wk.



1st passenger
\$1729

+Taxes & other fees: \$97

2nd passenger
\$865

+Taxes & other fees: \$97

COSTA RICA
Liberia via Toronto

Allegro Papagayo • 3 1/2 ★

All-Inclusive • Superior oceanview rm.
Jan. 6, 13 & 20 • 1 wk.



1st passenger
\$1589

+Taxes & other fees: \$102

2nd passenger
\$889

+Taxes & other fees: \$102

CUBA

Santa Clara via Calgary

Royal Hideaway
Ensenachos • 5 ★

All-Inclusive • Royal spa premium rm.
Jan. 8-22 • 1 wk.



1st passenger
\$1599

+Taxes & other fees: \$153

2nd passenger
\$799

+Taxes & other fees: \$153

Meliá Las Dunas



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CUBA

Santa Clara via Calgary

Meliá Las Dunas • 4 1/2 ★
All-Inclusive • Standard rm.
Jan. 8 & 15 • 1 wk.



1st passenger
\$1099

+Taxes & other fees: \$153

2nd passenger
\$549

+Taxes & other fees: \$153

CUBA

Varadero via Calgary

Meliá Varadero • 4 ★
All-Inclusive • Standard rm.
Jan. 9 & 16 • 1 wk.



1st passenger
\$1189

+Taxes & other fees: \$153

2nd passenger
\$595

+Taxes & other fees: \$153

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